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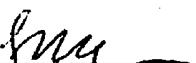
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Art Unit: 1632

Appl. No.: 10/761,253

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Filing Date: January 22, 2004

Atty. Docket: US-159

Title: Method of purifying glutamic acid by transition
recrystallization

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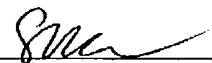
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